

MYSTERY HOLDS THIS PRETTY MAID

Flight of a Fifteen-Year-Old
Girl While Her Parents
Were in the Country.

WROTE A STRANGE NOTE.

Said That She Was Going Away
to Be Happy, but Spoke
Also of Death.

AN ABDUCTION OR SUICIDE?

Father Hastened from the Country in
the Hope of Preventing Her
Departure, but in Vain—No
Trace of Her.

Mr. John R. Vanderveer's coachman carries a heavy heart. His name is John Wackenhuth, and while he guides the millionaire's horses with a strong arm and a steady hand he mourns the loss of a beautiful stepdaughter.

The country home of the Vanderveers is



She Left a Note That May Mean Suicide or Abduction.

The disappearance of fifteen-year-old Earnestine Juliet Wackenhuth is doubly a mystery because of a letter she left for her parents. She wrote: "I will be in my own home and happy." and also: "You will find out where I am when I am dead." She disappeared two weeks ago from her parents' home, No. 726 Columbus avenue, while they were at Mount Kisco in the employ of John R. Van der Veer.

near Mt. Kisco, N. Y., and thither early this month John Wackenhuth accompanied them for the summer. He had been there scarcely a week when he was asked to summon his wife, as more help was needed. A chance to make an extra dollar was not to be sneered at, and the unwise mother, with possibly some misgivings, went to Mt. Kisco, leaving her young daughter alone to guard the little home at No. 726 Columbus avenue.

Two weeks ago the girl, whose name is Earnestine Juliet Wackenhuth, mysteriously disappeared, and all search for her has so far been in vain. The following letter, which she had left behind in her flight, was forwarded to her parents at Mt. Kisco:

Dear Parents—I am going away forever out of your care. I am in good hands. I will be in my own home and happy. This is the last letter you will receive from me alive. You will find out where I am when I am dead. I have no nerves to stand more trouble. Yours until death, E. J. WACKENHUTH.

At first thunderstruck, and then well nigh distracted, John Wackenhuth and his wife determined to keep their trouble to themselves. They told no one of their aching hearts, their fears, their reproaches. Mrs. Wackenhuth begged to return and keep watch for her daughter at the little windows of their uptown flat. But her husband urged her to be prudent, to remain at her post and to let no one suspect that anything could be amiss with one who bore their name.

"She will return, she will return," said John Wackenhuth over and over again, and he believed she would.

But the days passed and not a sign did she vouchsafe. At length, yielding to his wife's entreaties and with some excuse to his employer, John Wackenhuth gained leave to visit town. He hurried straight to his little flat. Up the three flights of narrow stairs he climbed, with anxious heart, to what had been once their happy home. He knocked loudly on the door, but no voice responded to his call. *Go 251*

All that night Wackenhuth sat in his lonely flat, watching. A vain hope that his daughter might perhaps return kept him alert. But his vigil was futile.

In the morning Wackenhuth visited all the houses in which the girl might have found a situation, without finding a trace of her. As the pretty Earnestine was well known below stairs in fashionable West End, her disappearance has created a stir. Both her parents are at their wits' end to fathom it. One moment they incline to the theory of abduction, the next they think she may have committed suicide.

The missing maid is a French girl, gay, handsome and attractive. Her age is really only fifteen, though she looks all of twenty. She weighs 145 pounds and is 5 feet 6 inches in height and has a strong, almost masculine voice. She has a very dark skin, coal-black hair and eyes, and an oval face. When last seen she wore a white flowered shirt waist, a brown and white checked skirt and a brown sailor hat. She speaks English brokenly, and it is possible that on leaving her home she may have dropped her stepfather's name, which she adopts at their wits' end to America, and assumed her own, that of Julia Donet.

Woman Thrown in a Canal.

Schenectady, N. Y., July 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, of Cincinnati, were driving a tug the Earl Canal today, near Vischer's ferry, when their horse became frightened and plunged into the water. The woman and horse were drowned, but Marshall was saved.

VANDERBILT ON A ROCK.

Young Cornelius's Yacht Veda Meets
with an Accident in a Race
Off Newport.

Newport, July 29.—There was quite a gathering of society people that followed the race of the 30-footers to-day, the steam yacht Margerita having a party on board and two ladies sailing in the race—Mrs. H. B. Duryea, on the Wa-Wa, and Miss Benedict, daughter of E. C. Benedict, on the Vaquero. There were five starters to cross the line at 2:37 in a north wind, the first leg being a beat to Brig Ledge.

Vaquero led the fleet, but the Veda, sailed by Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., was giving her a hard time. The Veda has a new mast, and it seemed to improve her sailing qualities. On the way home, a run with splinters set, the Veda met with an accident while in fourth place, running upon a rock on the south end of Rose Island. The shock was so severe that every one was thrown forward and the yacht veered over on her side, the stern seeming to be way up in the air.

The splinter was quickly taken it, and it being high tide she was soon pulled off, apparently without serious damage. The Vaquero won with ease. The official time was as follows:

Boat	Sailed by	Elapsed Time
Vaquero III.	H. B. Duryea	2:39:17
Wa-Wa	J. A. Stillman	2:32:30
Hera	R. N. Ellis	2:34:20
Esperanza	A. S. Van Winkle	2:36:45
Veda	C. Vanderbilt, Jr.	2:39:10

AMERICUS RAN SECOND.

Crocker's Horse Unable to Win the Singleton Plate—Count Schomberg's Goodwood Cup.

London, July 29.—At the third day's racing of the Goodwood 1897 meeting to-

THE ECLIPSE AS A SCIENTIST SAW IT.

Professor Prentiss Gives the
Journal a Report of the
Phenomenon.

FIRST CONTACT NOT SEEN.

Big Telescope at Rutgers Col-
lege Revealed What Seems
to Be a Lunar Volcano.

New Brunswick, N. J., July 29.

Editor New York Journal:

The partial eclipse of the sun was observed this morning at the Schuch Observatory, Rutgers College, by means of the six-inch refracting telescope. The instrument was directed exactly toward the sun, and its light passing through the glass projected an image of the sun fifteen inches in diameter upon a large white screen, at a distance of eighteen inches or so from the eye end. By this device all the phenomena of the eclipse could be examined by many spectators at the same time without any inconvenience from the dazzling rays of sunlight.

The greatly enlarged disk of the sun thus obtained brought out clearly the mottled nature of its surface and revealed several irregularly shaped dark spots, which served as indices or milestones with reference to which the progress of the dark body of the moon across the sun's face might be noted.

The beginning of the eclipse was completely hidden by clouds. The sun's disk was entirely out of sight at a few minutes before and after 9, and the prospects for successful observation were not particularly good.

Shortly after 9 the clouds began to lighten, and when the sun first appeared considerable indentation had already been made, so that the time of first contact was entirely missed. At one time the observers were somewhat startled at beholding what appeared to be the beginning of a lunar volcanic eruption.

An enormous pillar or irregular peak of smoky colored substance slowly reared its threatening head, assuming more and more formidable proportions. A moment more and its true nature was apparent. It was a spot on the sun disclosed by the moon in its passage. It was quite normal in character, possessing the usual tumescence or dark central portion, surrounded by a delicately shaded fringe or penumbra. Slowly the moon moved away from this point, like the minute hand of a clock.

About 10 o'clock the greatest obscuration was reached. At this moment the right-hand or western portion of the sun was almost half obscured by the lunar disk, which, however, it must be said, did not then show up very well in that capacity, not being able, under the circumstances, to borrow any light from the sun.

The darkened area slowly diminished in size, creeping down the side of the sun until only a small fraction of the segment in shape, was visible on the lower portion of the sun, a little to the right.

From time to time the observations were interrupted by clouds, and as the end approached the time of first contact was anxiously looked for, the more anxiously as the time of first contact had been missed.

For about half an hour before its conclusion the eclipse was clearly seen, and the greatly magnified picture served to show irregular indentations and the outline of the moon, which appeared somewhat round to the naked eye. These irregularities are probably due to mountain ranges and elevations on the outer rim of our satellite, a continuation of the general features of its surface as ordinarily seen under telescopic observation.

Twined 11 o'clock clouds began to gather again, which markedly diminished the clearness of the image, until, at last, contact when only a small dent remained, the clouds came momentarily in view, clearing space at 11:12 showed that the eclipse was over.

R. W. PRENTISS,
Professor of Astronomy, Rutgers College.

The cloudy weather deprived the inhabitants of Greater New York of the anticlimactic observations of the solar eclipse yesterday. The last time before yesterday when New York City was able to see a solar eclipse was October 21, 1892. The next opportunity will not occur until May 27, 1901. It's a long time between eclipses, as the Mayor of Union Hill remarked to the Mayor of Cherry Hill.

It was 8:50 a. m. when the eclipse began, 10:50 a. m. when it was at its greatest obscuration and 11:35 a. m. when it ended. It was because the moon was so far away from the earth that the eclipse was so partial. A more neighborly moon would have announced a total eclipse.

There will be a total eclipse on January

21, 1898, of two minutes' duration, but New Yorkers will not be able to see it. The last total eclipse of the sun visible in the United States was on January 1, 1880. The best view of yesterday's eclipse was in Mexico and on the northern coast of the West Indies. If it weren't too cloudy in those places the eclipse appeared to observers as "an extremely slender ring of brilliant sunlight, forming a golden frame for the dark globe of the sun." Even had the weather been clear in New York yesterday morning all that could have been seen would have been a disconnection of five-twelfths of the sun's diameter.

Second Walk on the Track Fatal.
Matthewson, N. Y., July 29.—Mark Goldrick, who was run over and seriously injured by a train of cars while walking on the tracks some time ago, has only been out a short time. His accident apparently taught him nothing, for he started to walk down the tracks to-day, and was run over again and instantly killed.

NACK AND THORN MEET.

Arraigned Together, They Refuse to
Plead to the Indictment—Plea of
"Not Guilty" Ordered.

In accordance with the decision of Judge Newburger in the Thorn-Nack case, Martin Thorn and Mrs. Nack were arraigned yesterday to plead to the indictment charging them with the murder of William Golden-suppe.

When brought before the court both prisoners, through their counsel, refused to plead. After the clerk had read the charge Mr. Howe, representing Thorn, said:

"Your Honor, we stand mute to the charge."
"Enter a plea of not guilty," said the Judge to the clerk.

TO-DAY'S STORE NEWS.

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FRESFORD WILL WRITE.

second to Doing So by Captain Ma-

burger refusal of the Life of
sented by Mr. con-
clerk to enter a plea u-

The proceedings were over-
taken back to the Tombs.

Mr. Howe, after Mr. Howe had finished, asked to know when Thorn's case would be

ford is about to write a new life of Nelson, in collaboration with H. W. Wilson, a writer on naval subjects of some celebrity. Lord Charles, while a great admirer of Captain Nelson's work, "The Sea Power," disagrees with him on some of the points advanced in the Captain's life of Nelson and will give his reasons for so doing in the forthcoming work.

Wanamaker's

MAKING A NEW RECORD

Much selling of goods in this Store is without precedent. Books, for instance. What reader of this paper ever before heard of cloth-bound books, well printed on good paper, 300 to 400 pages, selling at 15c? The wonder grows when you know the variety and the quality of the Biography, Fiction and Poetry the lot contains.

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NOTICE—These are Women's Shoes

They are Laced and Buttoned

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They are made on the newest lasts

There will be no more popular Fall Shoes

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five items taken at random. Many

more as interesting.

31c all-wool check Suits, 20c

37c Covert Cloths, 25c

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